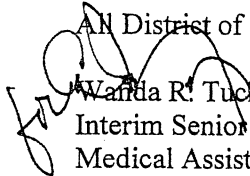


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Medical Assistance Program
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Senior Deputy Director
for Health Care Finance

TO: All District of Columbia Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver Providers
FROM:  Wanda R. Tucker
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Medical Assistance Administration
DATE: August 4, 2003
SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes for the District's Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver providers to accommodate special needs and circumstances; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver local codes to standard codes.

To assist the District's Medicaid Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver providers with the transition to standard codes, MAA has enclosed an Attachment that provides a crosswalk between the current local codes and standard codes. A copy of the revised Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver Provider billing manual will be provided separately. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) for the District Medicaid Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver providers.

Please note that, effective August 31, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes for the Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver providers. Medicaid claims submitted by the District of Columbia Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver providers for services rendered on or after September 1, 2003 should be submitted using only the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk at (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Code Crosswalk – Elderly and Physical Disabilities Waiver Providers